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SUBJECT: SUPPORT FOR ISRAEL'S REQUEST FOR INCLUSION IN
UNESCO EUROPEAN REGION

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1. SINCE SAN MARINO HAS ITSELF NOT YET BEEN ASSIGNED BY
GENERAL CONFERENCE (GC) TO EUROPEAN REGION, IT WILL BE
UNABLE TO PARTICIPATE IN REGIONAL "CAUCUS" RECOMMENDED BY
UNESCO EXECUTIVE BOARD LAST FALL, AS BASIS FOR GC ACTION
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ON THIS MATTER. SAN MARINO CAN, HOWEVER, VOTE ON BOARD'S

RECOMMENDATION, AND U. S. DEEMS ITS SUPPORT VERY IMPORTANT. SAN MARINO'S FORMAL ASSIGNMENT TO EUROPEAN REGION IS FOREGONE CONCLUSION, AND, AS NOTED PARA 5 OF REF B, IT IS ESSENTIAL THAT ISRAEL RECEIVE AS SOLID SUPPORT AS POSSIBLE FROM WESTERN MEMBERS OF REGION. (WE ARE CONFIDENT, OF COURSE, THAT SAN MARINO WILL VOTE FOR FINAL GC OMNIBUS RESOLUTION ASSIGNING TO REGIONS NOT ONLY ISRAEL BUT SAN MARINO AND THE OTHER TWO NEW MEMBERS, SURINAM AND GRENADA.)

2. FOR FLORENCE : PLEASE APPROACH SAN MARINO GOVERNMENT AT APPROPRIATELY HIGH LEVEL, BEARING IN MIND RECOMMENDATION OF SAN MARINO'S PARIS REP (PARA 3 OF REF A), TO SEEK ASSURANCE THAT THEIR DELEGATION TO 19TH GC (NAIROBI, OCTOBER 26 - NOVEMBER 30) IS INSTRUCTED TO VOTE FOR EXECUTIVE BOARD RECOMMENDATION THAT GC BASE ITS ASSIGNMENT OF MEMBER STATES TO GEOGRAPHIC REGIONS ON WISHES OF MEMBERS OF REGION CONCERNED, AND THAT WHEN THIS PROCEDURE HAS BEEN ADOPTED, THEIR DELEGATION WILL SUPPORT THE SPECIFIC REGIONAL RECOMMENDATIONS, INCLUDING THE ASSIGNMENT OF ISRAEL, AS WELL AS SAN MARINO, TO EUROPEAN REGION. YOU SHOULD DRAW UPON TALKING POINTS CONTAINED PARA 6 OF REF B, AS WELL AS FOLLOWING:

A) SAN MARINO, WHICH IS ITSELF ABOUT TO BE ASSIGNED TO EUROPEAN REGION, SHOULD DEMONSTRATE SOLIDARITY WITH OTHER WESTERN MEMBERS.

B) REGARDLESS OF ITS IMPLICATIONS FOR ISRAEL'S ASSIGNMENT TO EUROPEAN REGION, EXECUTIVE BOARD'S RECOMMENDATION MERITS SUPPORT BECAUSE IT IS IN LINE WITH UNESCO'S TRADITION OF DEFERRING ON PRIMARILY REGIONAL MATTERS TO VIEWS OF MEMBERS OF REGION CONCERNED. FAILURE TO SUPPORT THAT PRINCIPLE IN CONNECTION WITH ISRAELI REGIONAL ISSUE WOULD BE INTERPRETED AS SIGNALLING A MAJOR CHANGE IN SAN MARINO'S SUPPORT FOR ISRAEL.

C) UNESCO HAS REPEATEDLY ACKNOWLEDGED, IN RESOLUTIONS ADOPTED BY BOTH BOARD AND GC, FUNDAMENTAL PRINCIPLE THAT EVERY MEMBER OF UNESCO HAS RIGHT TO PARTICIPATE FULLY IN AT LEAST ONE OF ORGANIZATION'S REGIONAL GROUPINGS. IF
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NOT ASSIGNED TO EUROPEAN REGION BY 19TH GC, ISRAEL WILL BE LEFT ONLY MEMBER UNASSIGNED TO AT LEAST ONE REGION. (RE PARA 2 OF REF A, IF IT IS ASKED WHY ISRAEL SHOULD BE ASSIGNED TO EUROPEAN REGION, TO WHICH IT IS NOT PHYSICALLY JOINED, CG SHOULD POINT OUT THAT U. S. AND CANADA ARE FARTHER REMOVED GEOGRAPHICALLY FROM EUROPE THAN ISRAEL, BUT SAN MARINO WOULD SURELY AGREE THAT OUR PARTICIPATION STRENGTHENS THE WHOLE OF WESTERN CULTURE, OF WHICH ISRAEL

IS A PART. MOREOVER, IN UNESCO, UNLIKE SOME OTHER SPECIALIZED AGENCIES, THERE IS NO MIDDLE EAST REGION TO WHICH ISRAEL COULD BE ASSIGNED, AND IT IS PATENTLY UNREALISTIC TO EXPECT ISRAEL TO BE ASSIGNED TO ASIAN REGION. OTHER ALTERNATIVES ARE AFRICAN AND ASIAN GROUPINGS BUT ISRAEL, LIKE U. S. AND CANADA, HAS OPTED FOR EUROPEAN REGION, AS EXPRESSION OF ARFA IN WHICH ITS MAJOR CULTURAL AFFINITIES LIE. THIS IS A REASONABLE CHOICE THAT SHOULD BE RESPECTED.)

3. FOR PARIS: RE PARA 5 OF REF A, DEPT. CONCURS IN PERM DEL'S SUGGESTION THAT IT INFORM SAN MARINO DELEGATION AT UNESCO THAT FLORENCE HAS BEEN INSTRUCTED TO MAKE HIGH-LEVEL DEMARCHE AT EARLIEST OPPORTUNITY AND INDICATING LINES ALONG WHICH APPROACH WILL BE MADE.

4. FLORENCE REQUESTED INFORM DEPT. (INFO PARIS) ASAP OF SAN MARINO RESPONSE. ROBINSON

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